

ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK TOWN HALL I MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2006



*Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks*

WELCOME

- Acknowledgements/Introductions
- FWP Planning Team
 - Ken Soderberg, Interpretation/Cultural Resource Bureau Chief
 - Sue Dalbey, State Parks Planner-Project Lead
 - John Little, Region 7 Parks Manager
 - Cathy Stewart, Area Park Manager

[WELCOME]

- Peaks to Plains Team Members
 - Jolene Rieck, Project Team Leader
 - Ann L. Clancy, Ph.D., Facilitator
 - Ann Kooistra-Manning, Cultural Resource Consultant
 - Paul Burley, Environmental Engineer
 - Jeremiah Udem, Assistant Planner

[APPRECIATIVE PLANNING PROCESS]

Focuses on the positive:

- As a springboard (energizer) for the future
- To generate very useful information to build on for the future (what works well that can be carried into the future)



[APPRECIATIVE APPROACH]

■ Problem Solving

- Identify problem
- Analyze causes
- Brainstorm possible solutions
- Develop plan

■ The Park is a problem to be solved

■ Appreciative Planning

- Appreciate “what gives life”
- Envision “what might be”
- Design “what will be”
- Develop plan

■ The Park is a solution to be embraced

[APPRECIATIVE PHASES]

- Appreciating What Gives Life to the Park
- Envisioning a Successful Future for the Park
- Designing a Future: Shared Priorities & Goals
- First Steps: Develop a Park Management Plan



[ART OF THE QUESTION]

- What do we need to fix?
- What's wrong with the Park?
- Why can't we seem to agree?
- Why can't we seem to solve our problems?
- What possibilities haven't we thought of?
- What are we doing right? What's working?
- What opportunities can we take advantage of?
- What solutions would have all stakeholders win?

[MEETING PURPOSE]

- To solicit public comments and suggestions on the development of a Park Management Plan for Rosebud Battlefield State Park.



[MEETING OUTCOMES]

- Inform the public about the purpose and current status of the Rosebud Battlefield State Park Management Plan process.
- Inform the public of current activities occurring in and around Rosebud Battlefield State Park.
- Solicit what participants see as the opportunities, trends and challenges facing the future of Rosebud Battlefield State Park.
- Identify next steps of the planning process.

[MEETING AGENDA]

- Why We're Here: Purpose & Current Status of the Planning Process
- Soliciting Public Input: Small Group Discussions
- Next Steps of the Process
- Meeting Evaluation



[PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS]

- Turn off cell phones/vibrate
- Be timely
- Respect each other's perspectives
- No expectation to agree, resolve or reach consensus
- Individual comments are welcomed



[ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES]

- **FWP representatives:** provide content information, act as resources, help with meeting logistics, observe
- **Peaks to Plains staff:** facilitate the gathering of information, carry out the design of the meeting, help with meeting logistics, provide documentation of the meeting, observe

[HOUSE KEEPING]

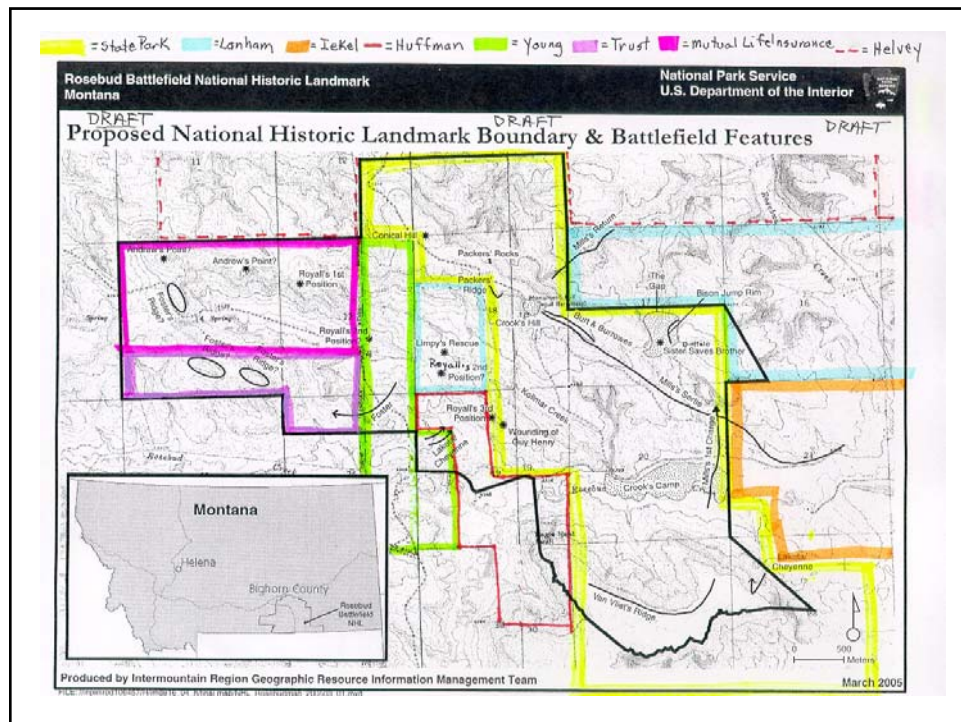
- No breaks in meeting
- Take advantage of refreshments
- Introductions at tables

[PURPOSE & CURRENT STATUS OF PARK]

- Virtual Tour of the State Park
- List of Activities Occurring In & Around the Park
- American Battlefield Protection Program
- National Heritage Landmark Process
- FWP Planning Policies & Parameters
- Elements of Planning Process
- Questions of Clarification

Virtual Tour





Rosebud Battlefield State Park



Current Interpretive Area



Welcome to the Rosebud

- One of 50 Montana State Parks
- Cultural/Historical Park
- 3,052 acres within the boundary of the State Park
- Because of very little modern development the visitor can view the landscape close to what it was in 1876

[Cultural Resources]

- Battle of the Rosebud, 1876
- Native American
- U. S. Military
- Homestead Era / Local Ranchers
- Slim Kobold

[Bison Jump]



[Petroglyphs]



[Petroglyphs]



[Kollmar Creek Drainage]



[Packer's Rocks]



[Limpy's Rescue]



[The Gap]



[Van Vliet's Ridge]



[Activities In & Around the Park]

- Diversity of use
 - Current: Hiking, hunting, site visits, historical research, military training, commercial
 - Requested: camping, fires, special events
- Energy development
- Commemorations
- Access

American Battlefield Protection Program

- Entire battlefield, not just park
- Combine past research
- Ethnographic research: neighbors, ranchers, Northern Cheyenne
- Recommendations for cultural resource preservation

National Historic Landmark

- Recommended to NHL Advisory Committee
- Requested additional public input
- Planning process will provide that input
- NPS will submit input
- NPS Advisory Board review
- Final step-recommend to Secretary of Interior



[FWP = Steward]



- Protect the resources: prehistoric, historic, natural
 - Mitigate mineral development impacts
- Provide a place to serve visitors and staff
- Provide ways to educate & interpret :
 - Significance of the site
 - Stories from many cultures
- Need permanent access

[Purpose of Plan]

- Consider all the options
 - Public insight & opinion
 - Data
 - Evaluate research
- Give FWP direction to manage the site
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Actions



[Purpose of Plan]

- Give Direction - Guidance – Goals
 - Plan will have varying levels of detail
- Know we don't know it all
- Most details will come when we implement the plan



[Purpose of Plan]

- Example: Interpretation
 - Plan may tell us that the park should focus stories around the battle with minor emphasis on homesteading.
 - We will need to get details of what stories to tell and how best to tell those stories.

[Planning Process]



- Open and inclusive
- Public input in many ways - many sources
 - Town Hall Meetings
 - Surveys
 - Written comments
 - Web page input
 - E-mails
 - Comments to draft documents
 - Perhaps working groups or focus groups will be needed

[Volunteer Advisory Committee]

- Represent spokes of a communication wheel
 - Public contact VAC
 - VAC contact public
 - Convey input to other members
- Consider public input from many sources
- Discuss options and alternatives
- Form best recommendations for the park



[Voluntary Advisory Committee]

- Willing to listen & discuss
- Willing to commit time to process
- Willing to consider a comprehensive approach (not single issues)
- Willing to work toward consensus
- Small group – 14 members
- Represent variety of perspectives through diverse backgrounds, interest, expertise

[Variety of Perspectives]

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ■ Historian | ■ Education & interpretation |
| ■ Tourism | ■ Natural resources |
| ■ County | ■ Recreation |
| ■ Commercial use | ■ Crow |
| ■ Energy industry | ■ Sioux |
| ■ Ranching | ■ Eastern Shoshone |
| ■ Neighboring landowners | ■ Northern Cheyenne |

[Process & Timeline]

- 3 Town Hall Meetings, 6-8 VAC meetings
- External facilitator – Peaks to Plains
- All meetings are public, posting of meeting minutes
- Public review of draft recommendations to solicit comments
- VAC adjusts recommendations based on comments
- To FWP for final adjustments
- Director approves and signs plan
- 1 year – December 2007

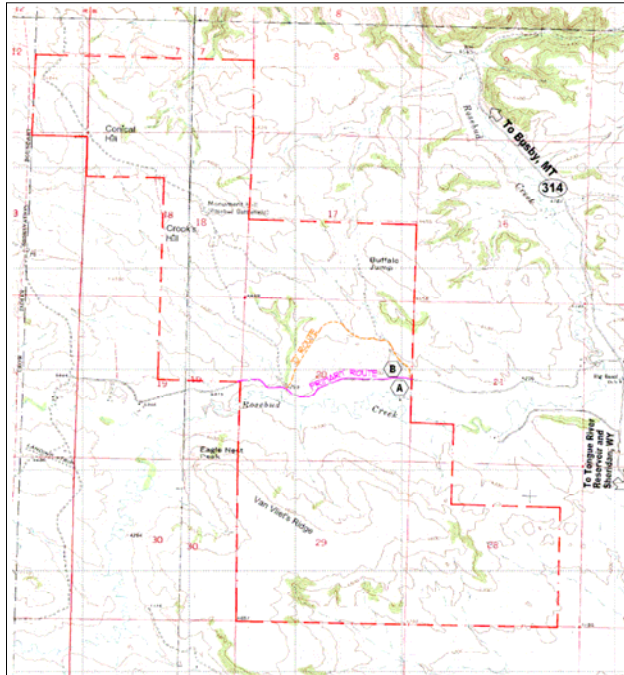
[It's a Complex Park!]

- MANY issues
- MANY perspectives on each issue
- All feel ownership
- All want to protect the resources
- We will work together in the best interest of the park.



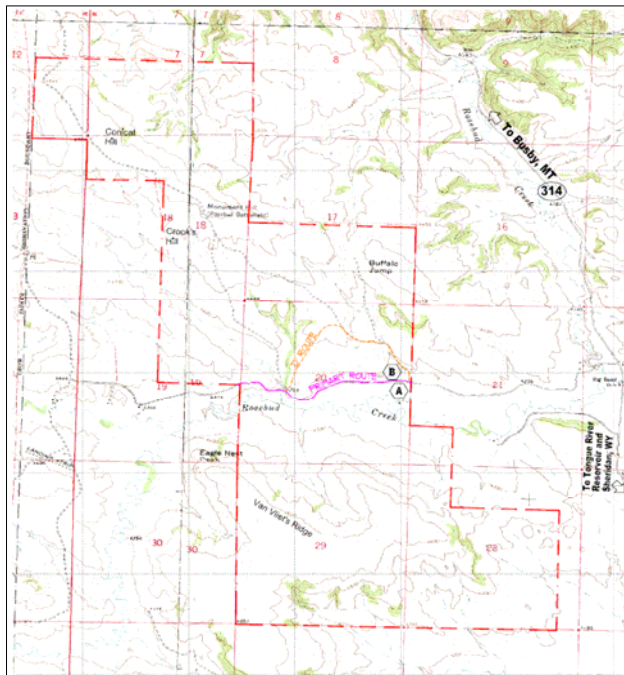
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BEGINNING.

We need
your help
now...
...to draw the
road map.



We'll also need
your help
LATER...

...to travel
those routes
and implement
the plan.



[SOLICITING PUBLIC INPUT]

- Create self-managed groups at each table.
- Discuss and respond to a series of questions
- Record responses directly on flipcharts.
- No need for consensus in your groups. All individual comments are welcome and desired.
- All information recorded on flipcharts will be transcribed and put into a report format that will be available to all participants.



[GROUP ROLES]



- **Facilitator:** make sure everyone in the group has a chance to participate; watch the time.
- **Recorder:** write down the group's responses on the flipchart; write large and don't worry about spelling. Record individual responses.

*Respond to these questions &
write directly on flipcharts:*

1. What would you most like to see happen with the Park—what's your vision?
2. What is most important to you about the Park? What do you want to make sure continues into the future?
3. What are your concerns about the Park?
4. What suggestions do you have for FWP about this planning process?
5. In addition to those attending this meeting, who else do you think this Park might be most important to?

NEXT STEPS



- Minutes of Town Hall Meeting I posted on website
- VAC meetings to begin in January 2007
- Written feedback: comment cards, website
- Future Town Hall meetings to be determined

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